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### Winter wars to the end; area spared

Tornadoes rage; rain forecast for Fort Wayne

From staff and wire reports

The harsh winter of 1982 is going out like a lion in some areas of the nation. But in mid-Missouri, forecasts of late-season weather fireworks have failed to materialize.

Twisters cutting a path 20 miles (32 kilometers) long and three-quarters of a mile (1.2-kilometer) wide roared through Panhandle farming communities in Texas and Oklahoma Friday, causing heavy property damage and injuring at least five people.

Parts of South Dakota received up to 8 inches (20.32 centimeters) of snow Friday, cutting highway visibility to near zero. Up to 10 inches (25.4 centimeters) was expected in neighboring Minnesota, where the first signs of spring's approach had melted away nearly 5 feet (150 centimeters) of snow in some areas recently.

But as of late Friday not even the thunderstorms forecast for the Columbia area had materialized.

Today marks the first day of spring and weather forecasters have come up with a forecast calling for partly sunny skies and temperatures peaking in the mid- to upper-50s. There is a slight chance of rain tonight.

Friday was gloomy and overcast throughout much of the state, Columbia included.

So gloomy that almost 200 passengers on two Ozark Air Lines flights to St. Louis were stranded at the Columbia Regional Airport for six hours Friday afternoon because fog slowed traffic at Lambert Field. The planes finally left the ground shortly after 5 p.m.

But things could have been worse. Here's a sampling of the weather Missouri missed:

Tornadoes, generated by an intense thunderstorm system common to the Midwest and Southwest this time of the year, visited southwest Kansas early Friday, leveling several houses and barns and uprooting power lines.

The five tornado-related injuries were reported in Beaver County, Oklahoma.

"It tore the south end off of our big barn that we just fixed, then it tore up a grain bin and took off," said Amelia Cowan, who lives southwest of Bryans Corner.

"The boys raise hogs," she said. "It just lifted the shed off the foundation...left the sows standing there without any top on them."

Mrs. Cowan said the tornado broke about 80 electric power poles in a broad path to the west of her home.



Two horses graze in the early evening mist on a hillside near East Broadway and Green Valley. Weather forecasters are calling for an end to such gloom today with partly sunny skies and temperatures peaking in the mid- to upper-50s.

The Bryans Corner twisters struck at 1 a.m., destroying a mobile home and a house, and injuring the families living in them.

Meanwhile, in Fort Wayne, Ind., thunderstorms Friday sent a trio of rivers toward new flood levels, and volunteers that have piled 1 million sandbags during six days of rain prepared to do it again.

Forecasters said the city could still be in for a heavy dose of weekend rain, as much as 2 inches (5.08 centimeters) by tonight. Each inch (2.54 centimeters) of additional rainfall was expected to drive the rivers up another foot (30 centimeters).

Thousands more residents faced evacuation if the city's makeshift dikes break and allow water to sweep into neighborhoods.

But Fort Wayne residents are trying to keep their sense of humor.

Tom Offerle, 58, who owns Kirby Vacuum Cleaners Co., put an ad in the local newspapers claiming he would sell the business to a qualified buyer — an above average swimmer with his own scuba gear.

"I just put it in as a joke, because a lot of people know the business is under water," Offerle said. "I'd say I have from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in dam-

ages in there, but you've got to take it in stride."

In Texas, the property damage from storms Friday was estimated at \$1 million. Hansford County Sheriff R.L. McFarlin described a tornado that ripped through his part of the state: "This thing was on the ground some 50 miles without lifting. It destroyed oil wells, combines, tractors, small ammonia tanks, barns, homes."

Twisters that tore through eastern Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri earlier in the week killed six, injured more than 125 and caused millions of dollars damage.

### OPEC leaders to curb output in face of glut

VIENNA, Austria (UPI) — OPEC oil ministers, faced with a worldwide oil glut, agreed Friday on an overall cut in current production of half a million barrels a day. However, sharp divisions remained over which nations must cut output.

"There is no agreement," snapped Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti as he rushed through the lobby of the hotel where the ministers met for six hours Friday.

Earlier, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani told reporters agreement was reached to cut production of the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to 18 million barrels a day and to hold the benchmark price at \$34 a barrel.

The ministers agreed to lower the overall official production ceiling from 20 million barrels per day, but the real drop was only half a million barrels since OPEC now produces less than 18.5 million barrels per day, officials said.

When questioned about Yamani's statement, Calderon said simply, "He obviously knows more than I do." His remarks reflected an angry split in the 22-year-old organization, and a second day of talks was scheduled for Saturday.

Oil experts and delegate sources said the dispute centered on which

nations would be required to reduce production.

"We have not come to a final agreement on that yet," said Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Subroto when asked if OPEC had worked out distribution of the production cuts. He said there had been agreement on the overall cut.

OPEC Secretary-General Marc Nan Nguema of Gabon told reporters that the ministers would meet again Saturday.

Oil analysts said the reduction would have little impact on present overproduction levels and virtually no effect on gasoline prices which they predicted would continue to fall in the coming months.

While OPEC's official price remained frozen at \$34 a barrel, similar grades of crude were selling for as little as \$26.

The economic recession in the West, coupled with conservation measures and price cutting by non-OPEC producers, has been behind the present glut.

At a Vienna hotel before the meeting, several OPEC members including Nigeria and Venezuela had been pressing for a price cut as well.

But Saudi Arabia, OPEC's biggest producer and America's largest supplier of foreign oil, was opposed to further substantial cuts in either prices or production.

### Fayette nurses take their case to public

By Joe Ascenzi  
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FAYETTE — The controversy at Fayette's Keller Memorial Hospital continued to simmer Friday at an impromptu public meeting in the Howard County Courthouse.

Eleven of the hospital's 14 registered nurses resigned March 13 because they felt the hospital administration had ignored their complaints about understaffing.

The Friday morning meeting, called by former Nursing Director Laura Fick, was intended to give Fayette citizens a chance to voice their feelings on the issue. It also gave the nurses a chance to repeat their reasons for resigning.

No one from the hospital board or administration attended the meeting.

"Frequently, I was the only registered nurse on duty at Keller from 7 to 9 p.m.," said Donna Sue Smith, one of the nurses who resigned. "I was responsible for 40 patients, plus

any emergency patients that would come in. I discussed this with the hospital administration many times in the past year. They refused to hire a registered nurse who applied for the job."

L.C. Hawkins of Fayette said, "It is very evident that the nurses aren't going to settle with Keller. The only solution is for the community to ask for the resignation of the Keller Hospital board and administration, and the County Court should make new appointments."

"They know what is going on and won't do anything about it," he said. His comments were met with applause.

But not everyone was applauding. "They (the nurses) resigned, and I think they ought to let the hospital run as it should," said a Keller Hospital employee who refused to be identified. "I think it (the meeting) stinks."

"If you don't like the board, vote (See NURSES, Page 8A)

### 45-year hang-up Judge locks phone

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (UPI) — A judge who ordered an 84-year-old woman's telephone padlocked to prevent her from further annoying a man she has harassed for 45 years threatened Friday to return the woman to the workhouse.

"Sometimes I do things I don't like to do," Judge Russell Hinson said. "You can't let even people who are extremely old get by with anti-social acts."

Gertude Jamieson spent four months at the Hamilton County Penal Farm in 1965 for making up to 10 harassing calls a day to A. Douglas Thompson.

Thompson, now 61, first incurred Mrs. Jamieson's wrath when he was a 16-year-old newspaper delivery boy by reporting Mrs. Jamieson's shaggy, white dog to the Humane Society. He said the dog jumped from hedges and nipped his heel.

It was then that Mrs. Jamieson began the telephone campaign that has extended over the past 45 years.

"She used to use profanity,"

said Thompson's wife, Nancy. "We wouldn't let the kids answer the telephone."

"But after she got back from the workhouse, she started just calling and hanging up. It's just hang-up, hang-up, hang-up, hang-up. It's so ridiculous. I don't care what the judge does to her as long as she doesn't call us," Mrs. Thompson said.

Thursday Hinson ordered Mrs. Jamieson's telephone padlocked but suspended a six-month workhouse term after she pleaded guilty to unlawfully making harassing telephone calls and took an oath to change her ways.

A telephone with a locked dial will be installed next week at the home of Mrs. Jamieson's daughter, where Mrs. Jamieson lives.

The daughter, Betty McAllister, has promised to keep the key away from her mother. But Thompson predicted the padlock won't be enough to make Mrs. Jamieson stop dialing his number.

"She's not too feeble to dial a phone," Thompson said. "She'll find one."

### Inside the Missouri pen: a life of fear or luxury

By Richard Myhre  
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JEFFERSON CITY — Some men enjoy the comforts of cable television, hanging lamps, carpet, crushed-velvet wallpaper and bedside stereo music. But for other inmates, life behind the walls of the Missouri State Penitentiary is as cold and fearful as ever.

Winds from the leafless river bluffs sweep down on a lone jogger inside the confines of the penitentiary. A gray warm-up suit protects him from the biting wind. He seems indifferent to a passing group of visitors from the outside as he shuffles along the dirt track.

On a rise in the prison grounds, another inmate, oblivious to the runner, faces the stone outer wall, his eyes closed, his hands raised in prayer. "Praise you Jesus," he shouts. "Praise you Lord."

Inside, a prisoner confined to his cell peers up from a television to ask, "Is it a nice day out there?"

The visitors, bundled against the cold, gray day do not reply. The

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guard had said there was to be no talking with the prisoners. The prisoners, in turn, had been cautioned not to talk to strangers.

Some of the prisoners break the rule with impunity. Others are more discreet. Perhaps these are victims of intimidation, acting in terror of the company they keep out of desperate loneliness.

Fear is especially evident with newcomers, who are kept away from other prisoners except at mealtime. The newcomers — 125 a week — arrive at the prison and wait up to a month for a physical checkup and assignment. Some will go to a minimum-security prison. Convicts assigned to the Missouri State Penitentiary — Missouri's sole maximum-security facility — are likely to serve sentences of more than 12 years.

When the new faces join the old for meals, they don't linger. New arrivals finish in 15 to 20 minutes and

are eager to leave, says David Smith, a prison guard.

"They feel unprotected," he says. Many prisoners, fearing stabbing or homosexual attack, request protective custody. These men number almost a quarter of the prison population, 500 of 2,100 inmates. The isolation facilities are full.

For the privilege of protective isolation, inmates can rarely leave their cells. They forego work at prison jobs and the normal walk-in access to recreation such as handball, pool tables, basketball, softball and boxing. Nor do they get cable television, an incentive reserved for outstanding convicts selected from the general population.

For others, gangs offer protection from outside intimidation. Street-wise cons from St. Louis and Kansas City are clannish, and blacks and Moslems cluster in familiar groups. For the powerful, the status of a gang is a chance to earn a reputation among convicts.

But there are stiff membership (See POWER, Page 8A)



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The United States has substantially increased the number of American military training personnel in Honduras since the start of the year in the face of a military buildup in neighboring Nicaragua. See story, Page 3A

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